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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time now set for response be extended, retroactively, by one month. The required petition fee for a large entity is submitted herewith. If any further extension of time is required to avoid the abandonment of this application, such extension is hereby requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-1165.

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